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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONCEPT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

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1. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 13 OF REFTEL, LANGUAGE THERE WARNS AGAINST ACCEPTING SOVIET "TERMINOLOGY" OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE CONCEPT, AND NOT AGAINST THE TERM "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" ITSELF. LANGUAGE IS THUS TECHNICALLY NOT IN CONFLICT WITH DOCUMENTS US HAS SIGNED WITH SOVIETS ON THIS SUBJECT (PARAGRAPH 3 OR REFTEL), WHERE WE SUBSCRIBED TO FORMULATION "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" BUT GAVE IT A CONTENT WE FOUND ACCEPTABLE.

2. HOWEVER, MISSION'S CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE MISINTERPRETATION OF IS TEXT AND US-SOVIET DOCUMENTS IS WELL TAKEN. FOR THIS REASON, WE WOULD SUGGEST THE FIRST SENTENCE OF IS TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 13 OF REFTEL BE REWRITTEN TO READ AS
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FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE WEST SHOULD BE WARY OF ACCEPTING

MOSCOW'S "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" FORMULATION WITHOUT
MAKING SURE THAT AN ACCEPTABLE CONTENT AND DEFINITION IS
GIVEN TO IT. END QUOTE. THE REST OF THE PARAGRAPH WOULD
REMAIN AS IS. KISSINGER

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